

4 June 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIOs and Assistants

SUBJECT : The Meeting with the DCI Scheduled  
for 1030 on Thursday, 6 June

1. The meeting with the DCI referred to above was one I set up during an informal conversation with him while I was Duty Officer last Saturday. Its purpose is to address and discuss the whole question of KIQs, the KIQ process, what he wants to achieve through this process and -- especially -- the particular responsibilities in connection with it that he wants the NIOs to assume and discharge.

2. As you know, we still have to play out the hand on the dozen KIQs selected for the initial pilot program. In addition, we will shortly be submitting to him for his endorsement and forwarding to the NSCIC the KIQs for FY 75. I thus felt it essential that there be clear understanding between the DCI and you (the principal staff officers concerned) with respect to precisely what this process is supposed to entail and to achieve. I also thought it best to thrash this out in round-table discussion with all concerned parties present so that each participant could hear the exact words used by others at the meeting.

3. This is the forum in which to surface the fruits of your experience with the pilot project, the views on this matter gleaned from your colleagues throughout the Community and your thoughts and suggestions as to how this process should be handled in the future. I hope it will result in clarification and clear directives. I will be satisfied, however, if it achieves even the more modest goal of pinpointing those questions about the KIQ exercise which the DCI needs to consider and on which he needs to rule before we set the entire machinery in train.

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4. General Graham and his senior associates have been invited to attend the meeting. It is, by design, our meeting, however, and the IC Staff will be attending essentially as observers though IC Staff members present will doubtless participate in the discussion. I will not throw vu-graphs out of the room but will strongly discourage their use, if necessary, by pulling their plugs.



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